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**Message:**

Enclosed please find the Amendment and Response to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 12, 2004.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Xie, et al.

Serial No.: 10/673,597

Filed: September 29, 2003

For: **Slurry-Less Polishing for Removal of  
Excess Interconnect Material During  
Fabrication of a Silicon Integrated  
Circuit**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004 in the  
above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following  
amendments and remarks.